GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEFENCE LAND ON LEASE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence land has been allotted to number of societies, organizations etc. on lease basis;

(b) if so, the basis thereof; and

(c) the persons, organizations and societies to whom the defence land has been allotted along with rate, purpose and duration thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Armed Forces have been in occupation of a large area of land for more than a hundred years. Since then, some land has been given on lease to various organizations like State Governments/Public Sector Undertakings,Registered Societies, welfare organizations, clubs, private parties for different purposes viz. social, religious, sports, public utility services like construction of roads, establishment of educational institutions and agriculture etc., by the competent authorities. In all these cases, period of lease and rents are determined depending upon the nature of the organizations/societies to whom the land is leased and the purpose of lease. The period of lease varies from 5 years to perpetuity depending upon the organization to whom and the purpose for which the lease is given.

Defence lands are allotted to private parties at cantonments and military stations. This information is not located at any central point. The time and effort spent in collecting this information would not be commensurate with the result sought to be achieved.